

Governor's LTSS Budget Proposals – 2014 Session

Community First Choice Option (DSS) – Adds Self-directed personal care assistance as a Medicaid State Plan services under the federal Community First Choice Option, which offers states a 6% increase in the federal match rate on personal care assistance services.

- SFY 2015: (-\$470,000)

Expand CT Home Care Program for Adults with Disabilities (DSS) – Current cap on program enrollment is 50 slots. Adds additional 50 slots.

- SFY 2015: \$600,000 million in State funds

Expand Katie Beckett Waiver (DSS) – Current program enrollment cap is 200. Adds additional 100 slots.

- SFY 2015: \$750,000 in State funds

Reallocate Funding for Early Childhood Autism Waiver (DSS/DDS) – Reallocates funding for the Early Childhood Autism Waiver from DSS to DDS.

- SFY 2015: Transfer \$1 million from DSS to DDS

Provide Funding for Autism Waiver (DSS/DDS)

- SFY 2015: \$342,436

Provide Funding to Support New Home and Community-Based Management System (DDS)

- SFY 2015: \$74,188

Improve Mental Health Services for Underserved Populations (DMHAS) – To support residential and transitional services for high risk populations, especially young adults.

- SFY 2015: Additional \$1.75 million (\$5 million annualized)

Provide Enhanced Oversight of Individuals in Nursing Facilities (DMHAS)

- SFY 2015: \$200,000

Increase Rental Assistance Program Vouchers (DMHAS/DOH) – Provide new funding for 110 dedicated RAP vouchers to support housing and services for individuals serviced by DMHAS.

- SFY 2015: \$1.1 million - DMHAS
- SFY 2015: \$1.1million - DOH

Reduce Funding for MFP Rental Assistance to Reflect Current Utilization Trends (DOH) – Savings due to slower than anticipated transitions for individuals under MFP. These savings will be repurposed to provide support services and rental assistance vouchers for individuals with psychiatric disabilities.

- 2015: (- \$1.2 million)

Expand Community-based Services for Children and Youth with Complex Behavioral Health Needs

(DCF) – Additional funding augmenting initiatives that have led to a significant reduction in the number of children and youth in congregate care settings.

- SFY 2015: \$2 million

Implement Background Check Program for LTC Employees (DPH)

- SFY 2015 - \$144,268